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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) will be conducting The 2007 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count of Los Angeles County over a three-day period on the nights of January 23, 24, and 25, 2007. Homeless individuals and families, currently residing on the streets, in shelters, in motels that accept vouchers, in residential treatment centers, and in institutions such as hospitals and jails, will be included in this point-in-time census enumeration.

LAHSA's initial 2005 Homeless Count established a baseline for the size and needs of the homeless population in Los Angeles County. The 2005 Homeless Count increased community awareness of homeless issues, generated new data for planning, and galvanized public support for finding solutions to the challenges of homelessness.

On April 4, 2006, our Board approved the historic Homeless Prevention Initiative which included \$95.4 million in County General Funds to provide resources for a number of key programs critical to addressing the issues of the chronic homeless, homeless families, as well as individuals and families at risk of homelessness. Evaluation of the impact of these programs on reducing and preventing homelessness requires continued data on the number and demographics of the County's homeless population.

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On August 29, 2006, on my motion, our Board agreed to pay one half the cost of the 2007 Homeless Count (\$410,000) to be administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The City of Los Angeles has provided the other half of the funding for the 2007 Homeless Count.

LAHSA has contracted with Applied Survey Research, a non-profit research organization, experienced in leading homeless census enumeration efforts. It is estimated that 1500 census workers, both paid homeless workers and volunteers, will be required to accomplish the task of counting the homeless. In order for The 2007 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count to be a success, the voluntary participation of County Employees as well as community volunteers is essential.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the 2007 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will occur in January 2007, over a three-day period on the nights of January 23, 24, and 25, 2007.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Directors of the following County agencies and departments to support the Homeless Count by cooperating with LAHSA, encouraging their employees to volunteer, and respond completely and in a timely manner to LAHSA's letters soliciting support for the Homeless Count: Sheriff, Public Social Services, Child Support Services, Public Library, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Children and Family Services, Public Works, Community and Senior Services, the Community Development Commission, Chief Information Office, Chief Administrative Office, Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council, Policy Roundtable For Child Care, and the County Office of Education.